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White House funsters

The *Washington Star-News*, current administration favorite for leaks, has reported that CIA Director Richard Helms is to become U.S. Ambassador to Iran.

Mr. Helms' departure from the Central Intelligence Agency comes as no surprise; he is highly regarded by people who are not highly regarded by the administration. But to send him to Iran, to transfer him from one of the most powerful agencies to a position which could only impress a camel driver, reveals unexpected depths in the Palace Guard which surrounds the President and recommends appointments to him.

The widespread notion is that they are a solemn, unimaginative bunch. This is unfair. They obviously have a dark sense of humor.

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